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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection**  
**For Week Ending 13-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/13/00	05/06/00
Bro-Fry	159,007	160,019
Lt Hens	2,053	2,168
Hvy Hens	1,594	1,530

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada**  
**Weeks Ending 06-May-2000 (Thousand Head)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	535	0	535
Last Week	411	0	411
Same Wk Yr Ago	445	0	445
To Date 2000	9,421	50	9,471
To Date 1999	8,822	131	8,953

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,659	1,403	4,062
Last Week	2,447	1,424	3,871
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,801	1,369	4,170
To Date 2000	46,171	24,759	70,930
To Date 1999	48,270	24,295	72,565

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**  
**Week Ending 06-May-00 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	156,250 (A)	2,124	1,403	3,527
Avg Wt	5.10	3.36	8.11	5.25
Last Week	152,156	2,036	1,424	3,460
Same Week Yr Ago	154,413	2,356	1,369	3,725
Avg Wt	5.07	3.32	8.41	5.19
To-Date/2000	2,761,739	36,750	24,709	61,459
To-Date/1999	2,705,740	39,448	24,164	63,612

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 156.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.1 million head or 2.0 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,  
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 29, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	33,219	33,210	49,028
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.09
% Of Total /1	29%	29%	42%
Comparisons			
Last Week	26,005	32,289	40,617
Avg Weight	3.71	4.72	6.02
% Of Total /1	26%	33%	41%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	36,967	27,581	48,119
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	6.04
% Of Total /1	33%	24%	43%
To Date/2000	561,347	540,519	690,464
To Date/1999	562,818	478,055	734,585
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 29-Apr-2000  
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,432	13	28	4,473
Avg Wt	27.72	26.77	24.79	27.78
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,011	17	15	4,043
Same Week Yr Ago	5,249	2	40	5,291
Avg Wt	24.80	22.50	25.88	24.81
To-Date/2000	77,859	232	646	78,737
To-Date/1999	78,812	285	554	79,651

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.  
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